

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1-8 are in the application. Claims 1, 4 and 8 have been amended. Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 1 to change the terms "can be" to "is".

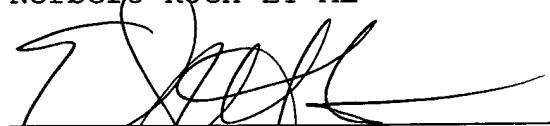
Claims are 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Blattry in view of Curlett. The Examiner stated that claims 4, 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements of claim 9, now canceled. Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to be placed in independent form by incorporating the elements of claim 1 into claim 4, and claims 1 and 6 into claim 8.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8 are patentable over the cited references, taken either singly or

in combination. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

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